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EVERY DAY, children the world over sing, shout, and celebrate Mother Goose rhymes. And now there's a new reason to cheer: Nina Crews has added her own remarkable, jazzy style of illustration to a collection of forty-one favorite verses. Whether it's Jack jumping over a candlestick (atop a cupcake), Georgie Porgie kissing the girls (at the playground), or a fine lady riding a white horse (on the carousel), this exuberant treasury is sure to be read and enjoyed over and over again.

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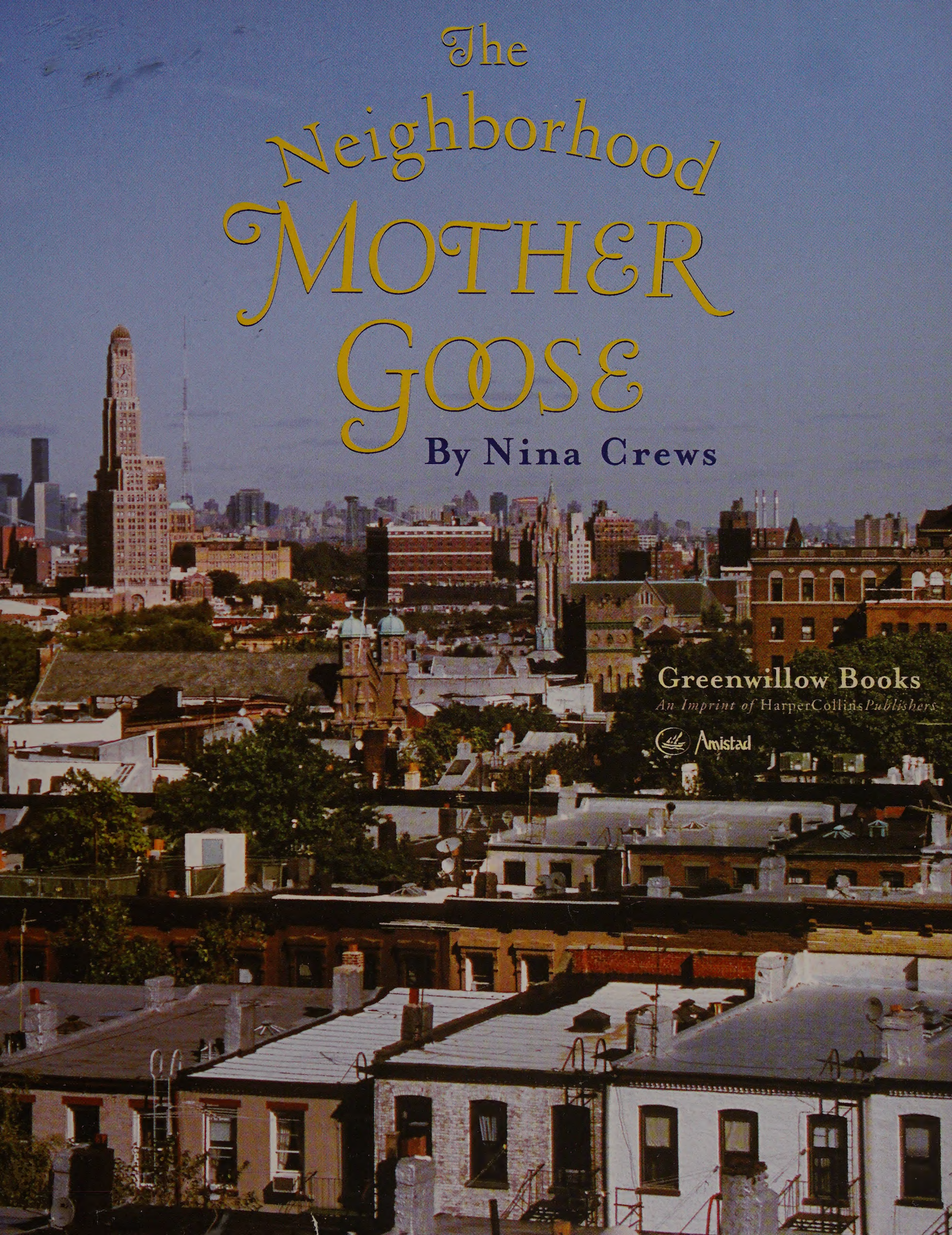

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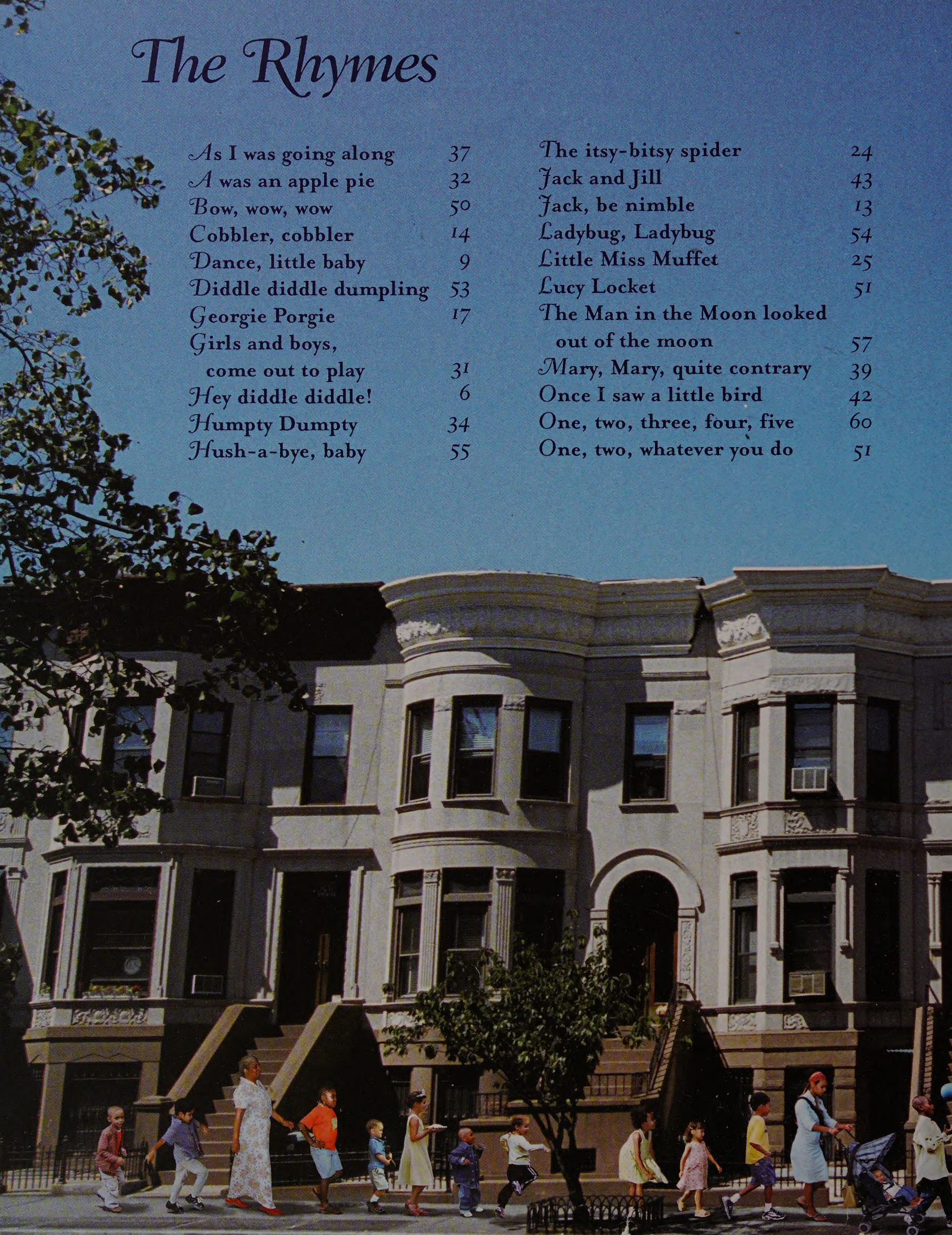

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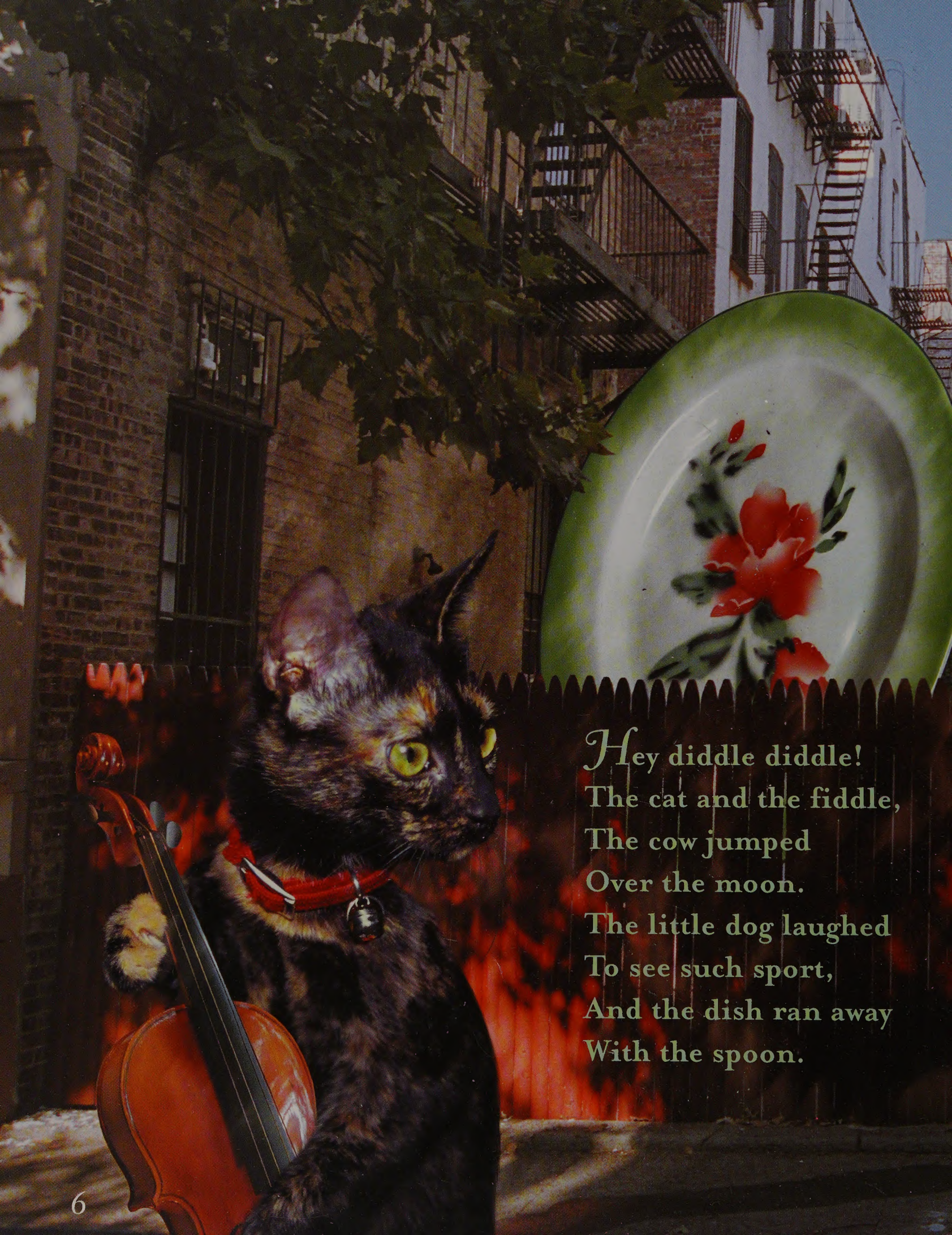
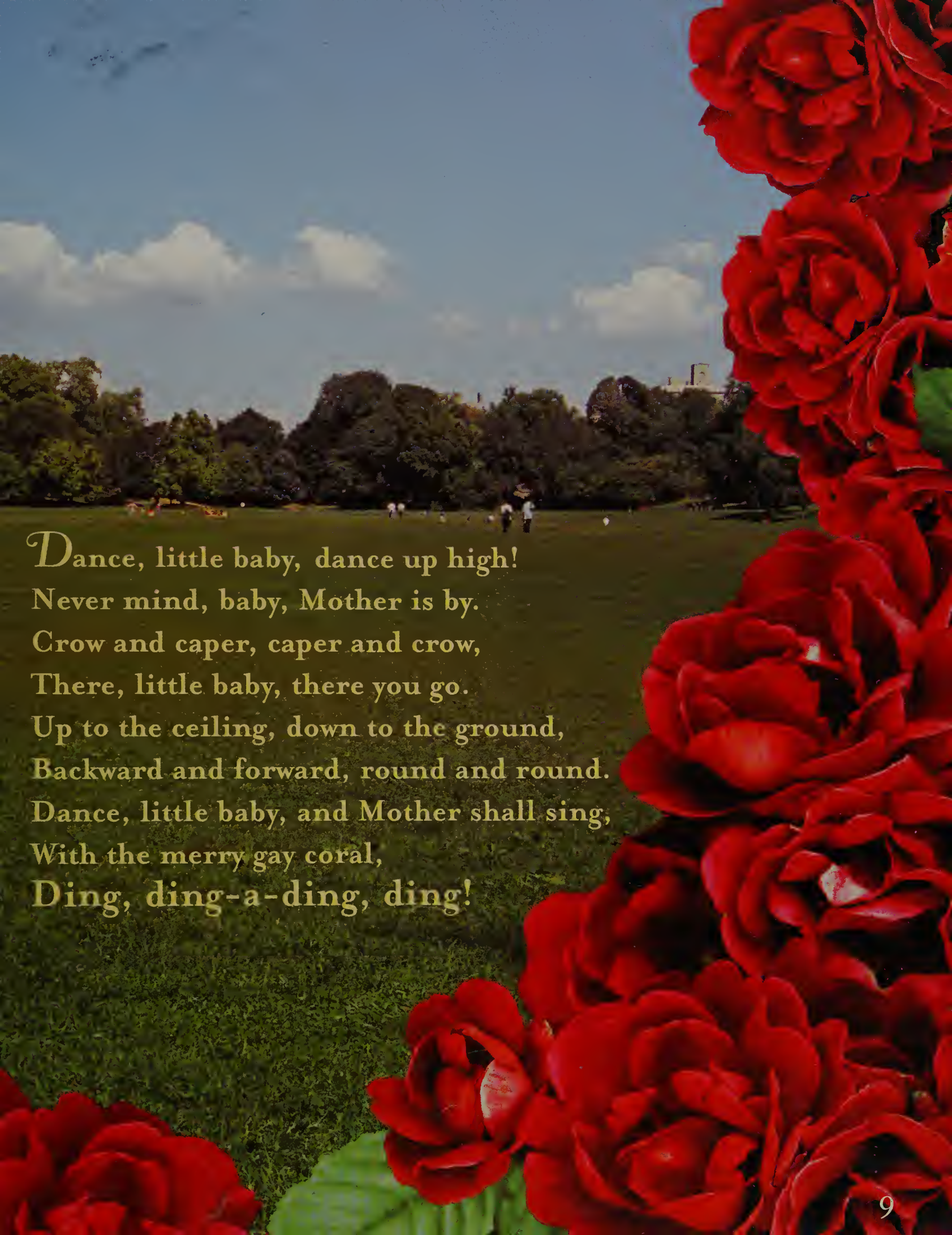


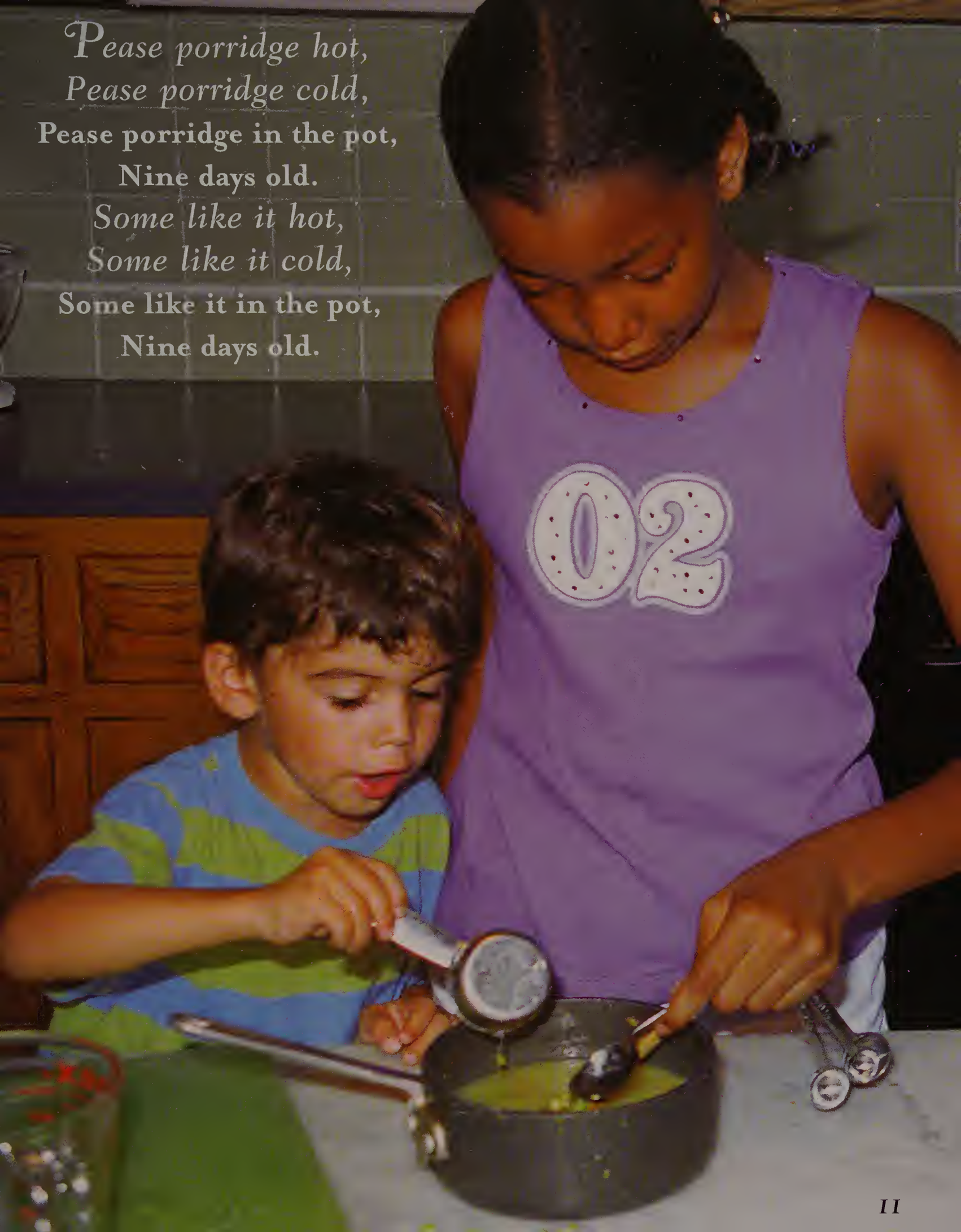
Hey diddle diddle!
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped
Over the moon.
The little dog laughed
To see such sport,
And the dish ran away
With the spoon.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you.



Dance, little baby, dance up high!
Never mind, baby, Mother is by.
Crow and caper, caper and crow,
There, little baby, there you go.
Up to the ceiling, down to the ground,
Backward and forward, round and round.
Dance, little baby, and Mother shall sing,
With the merry gay coral,
Ding, ding-a-ding, ding!

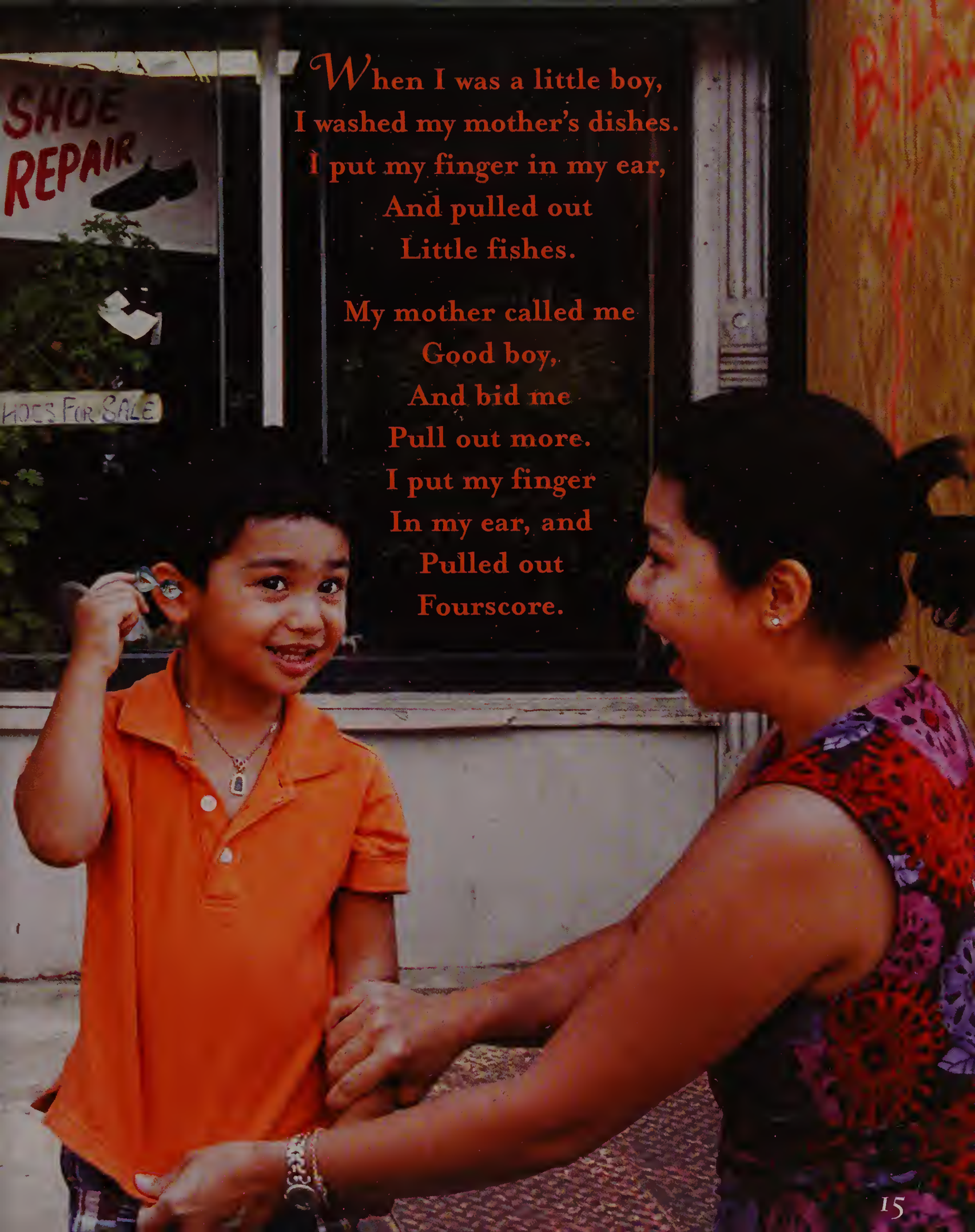
Pat-a-cake,
Pat-a-cake,
Baker's man.
Bake me a cake
As fast as you can.
Pat it, and prick it,
And mark it with B.
Put it in the oven
For baby and me.



Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.
Some like it hot,
Some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot,
Nine days old.

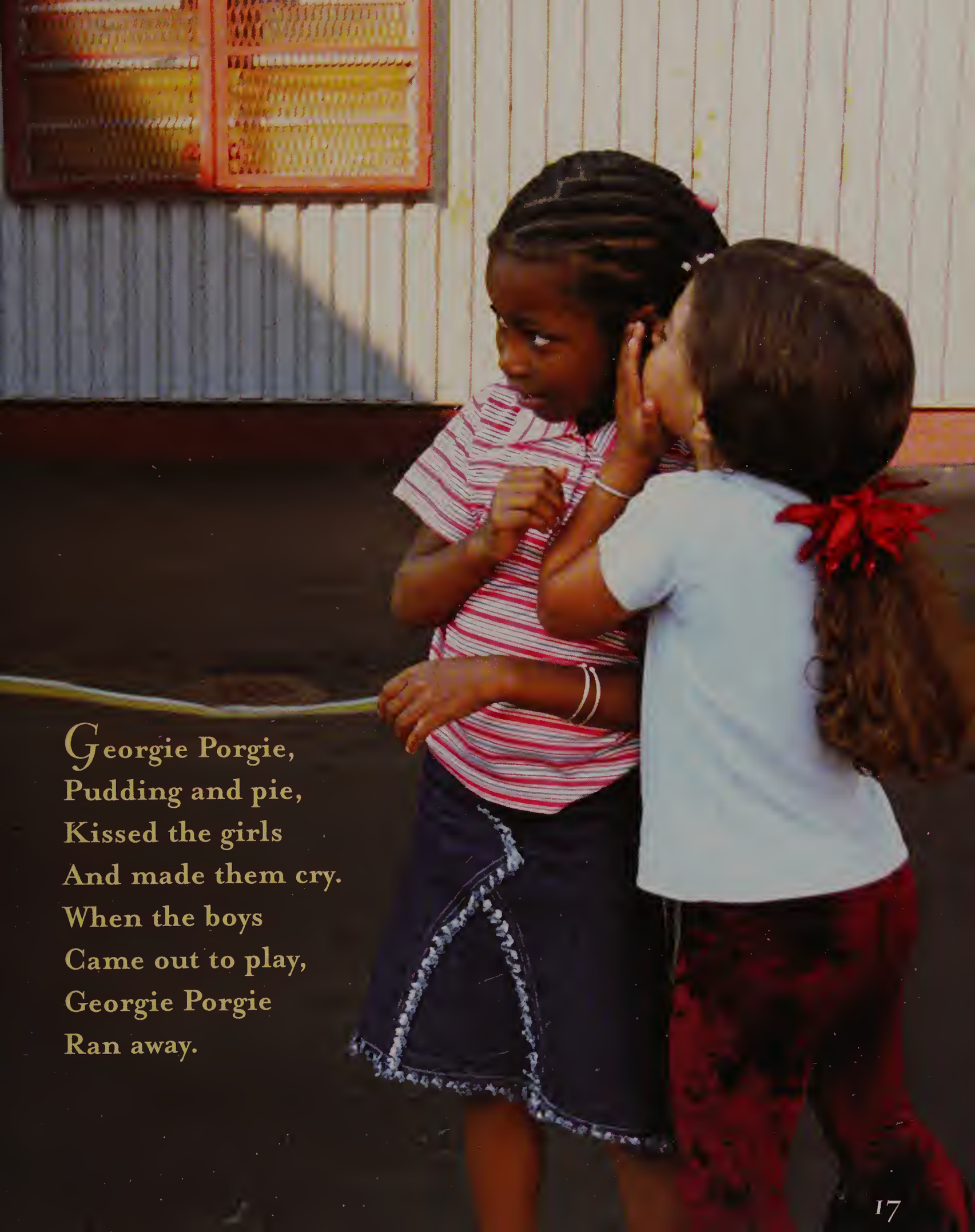
Jack,
Be nimble,
Jack, be quick,
Jack, jump over the candlestick.

Cobbler, cobbler,
Mend my shoe.
Get it done by half past two.
Stitch it up, and stitch it down,
Make the finest shoes in town.



When I was a little boy,
I washed my mother's dishes.
I put my finger in my ear,
And pulled out
Little fishes.

My mother called me
Good boy,
And bid me
Pull out more.
I put my finger
In my ear, and
Pulled out
Fourscore.



Georgie Porgie,
Pudding and pie,
Kissed the girls
And made them cry.
When the boys
Came out to play,
Georgie Porgie
Ran away.

Pussy cat, pussy cat,
Where have you been?
I've been to London
To visit the queen.
Pussy cat, pussy cat,
What did you do there?
I frightened a little mouse
Under her chair.

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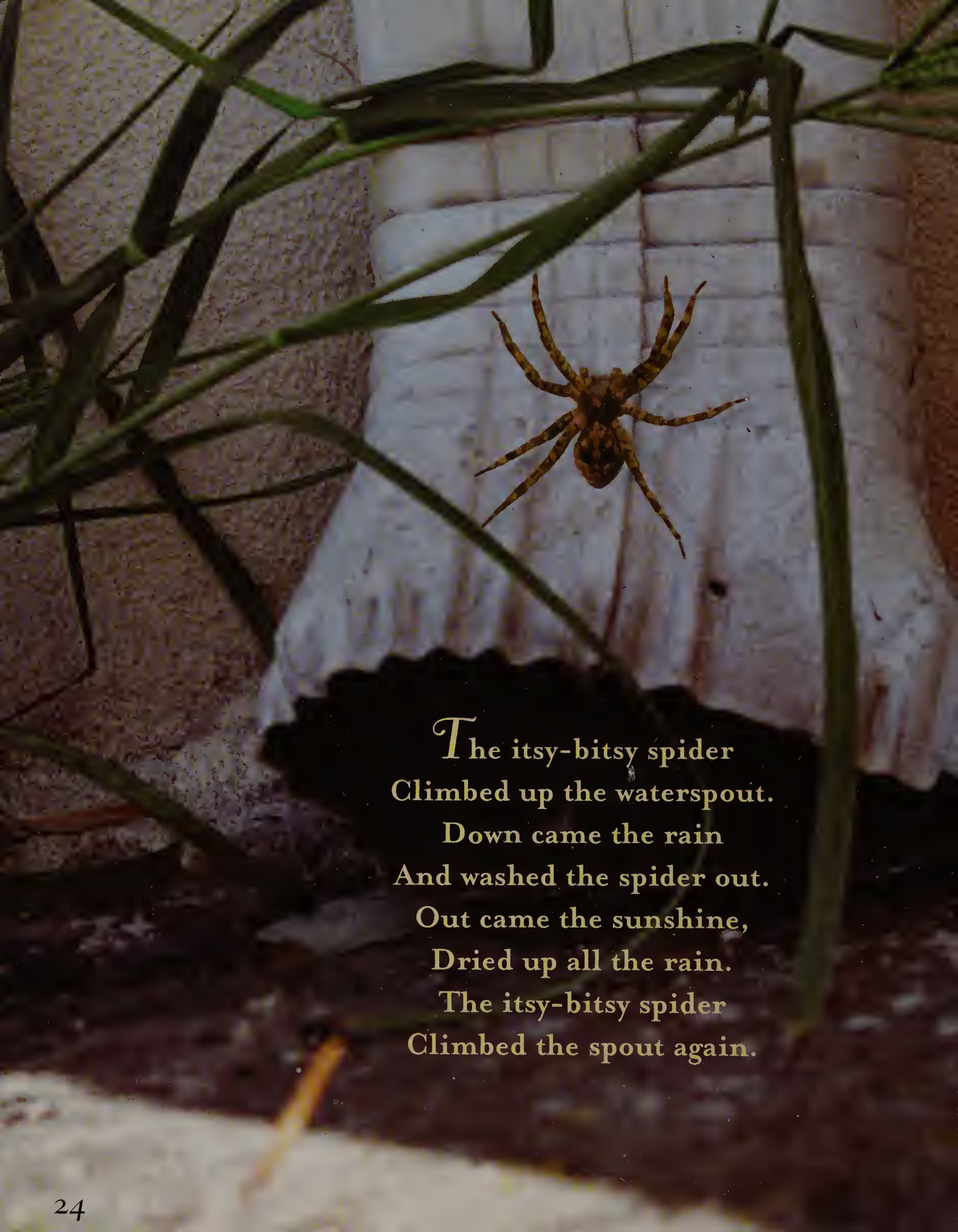
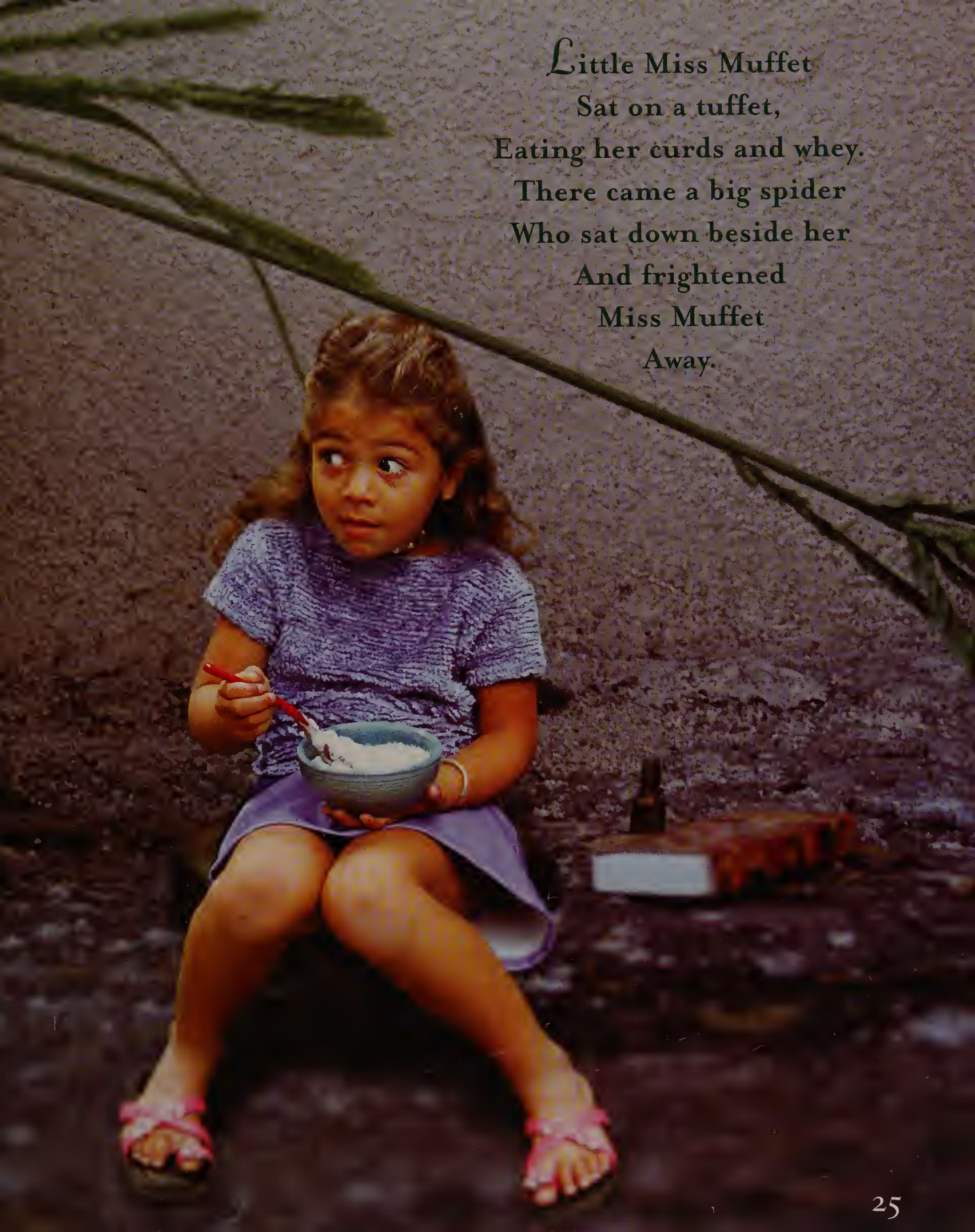
To market,
To market,
To buy a fat pig.
Home again,
Home again,
Jiggety jig.
To market,
To market,
To buy a fat hog.
Home again,
Home again,
Jiggety jog.
To market,
To market,
To buy a plum bun.
Home again,
Home again,
Market is done.

Twinkle, twinkle,
Little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

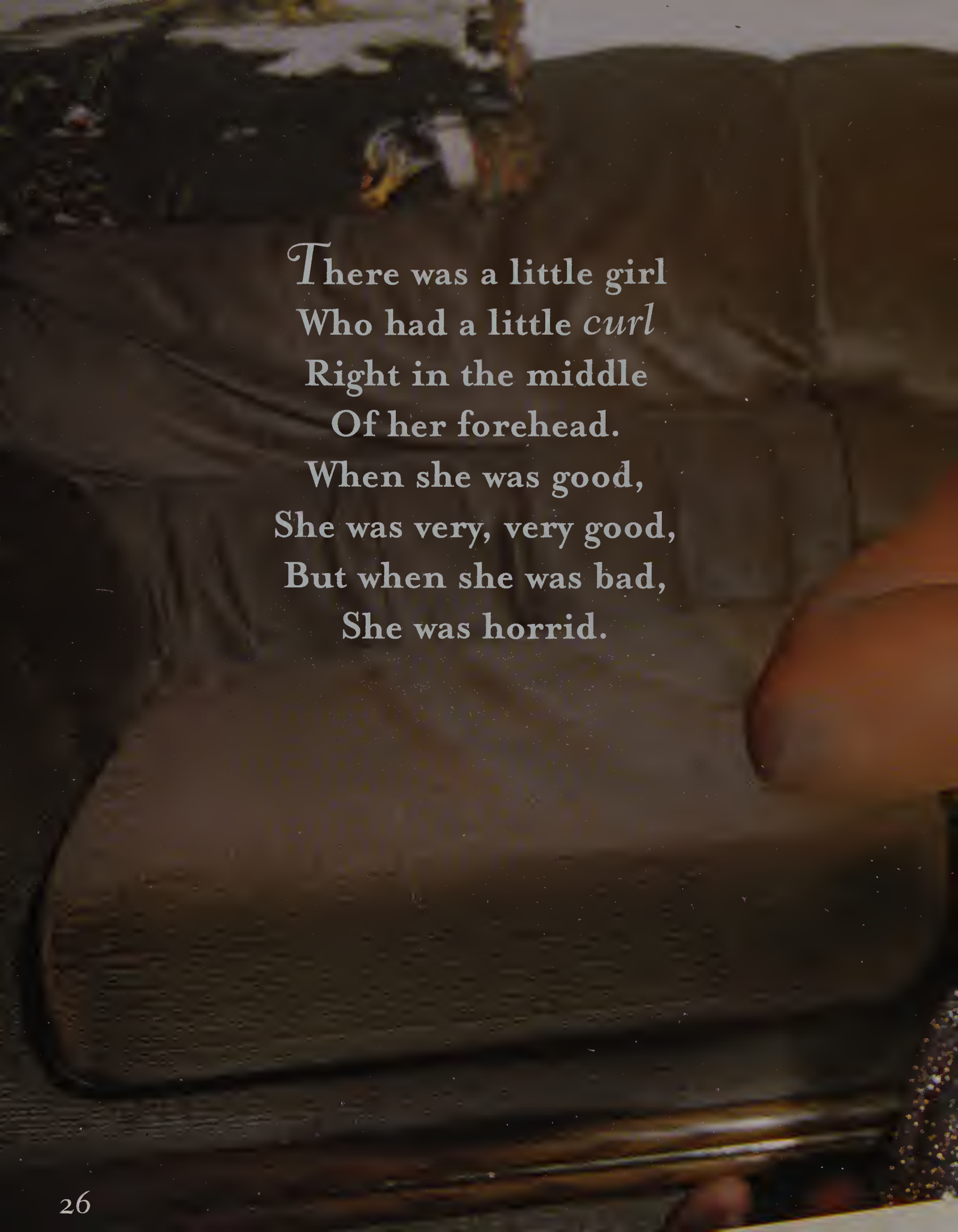
As your bright and tiny spark
Lights the traveler in the dark,
Though I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle,
Little star.



The itsy-bitsy spider
Climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out.
Out came the sunshine,
Dried up all the rain.
The itsy-bitsy spider
Climbed the spout again.

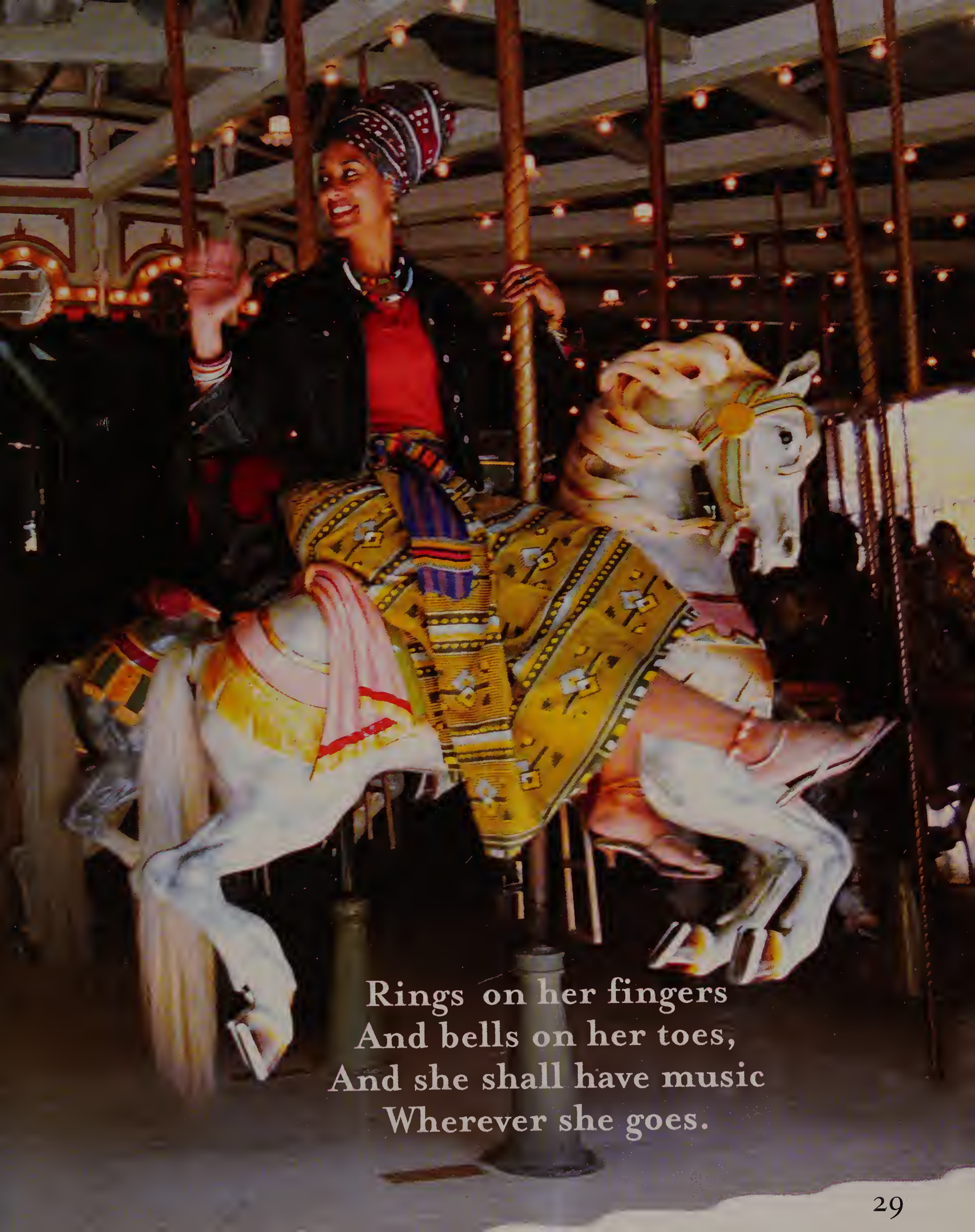


Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey.
There came a big spider
Who sat down beside her
And frightened
Miss Muffet
Away.

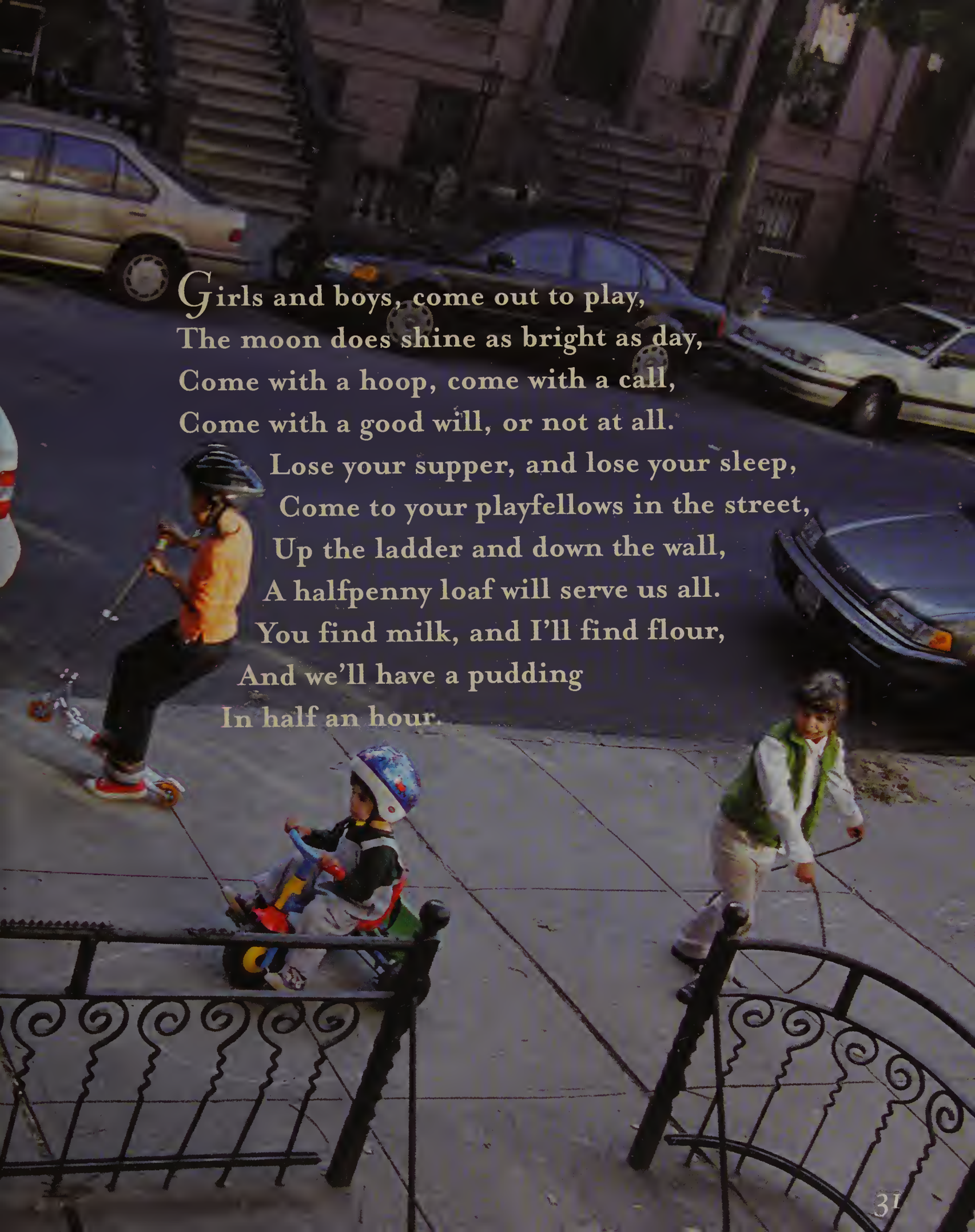


There was a little girl
Who had a little *curl*
Right in the middle
Of her forehead.
When she was good,
She was very, very good,
But when she was bad,
She was horrid.

Ride a cockhorse to
Banbury Cross
To see a fine lady
Upon a white horse.



Rings on her fingers
And bells on her toes,
And she shall have music
Wherever she goes.



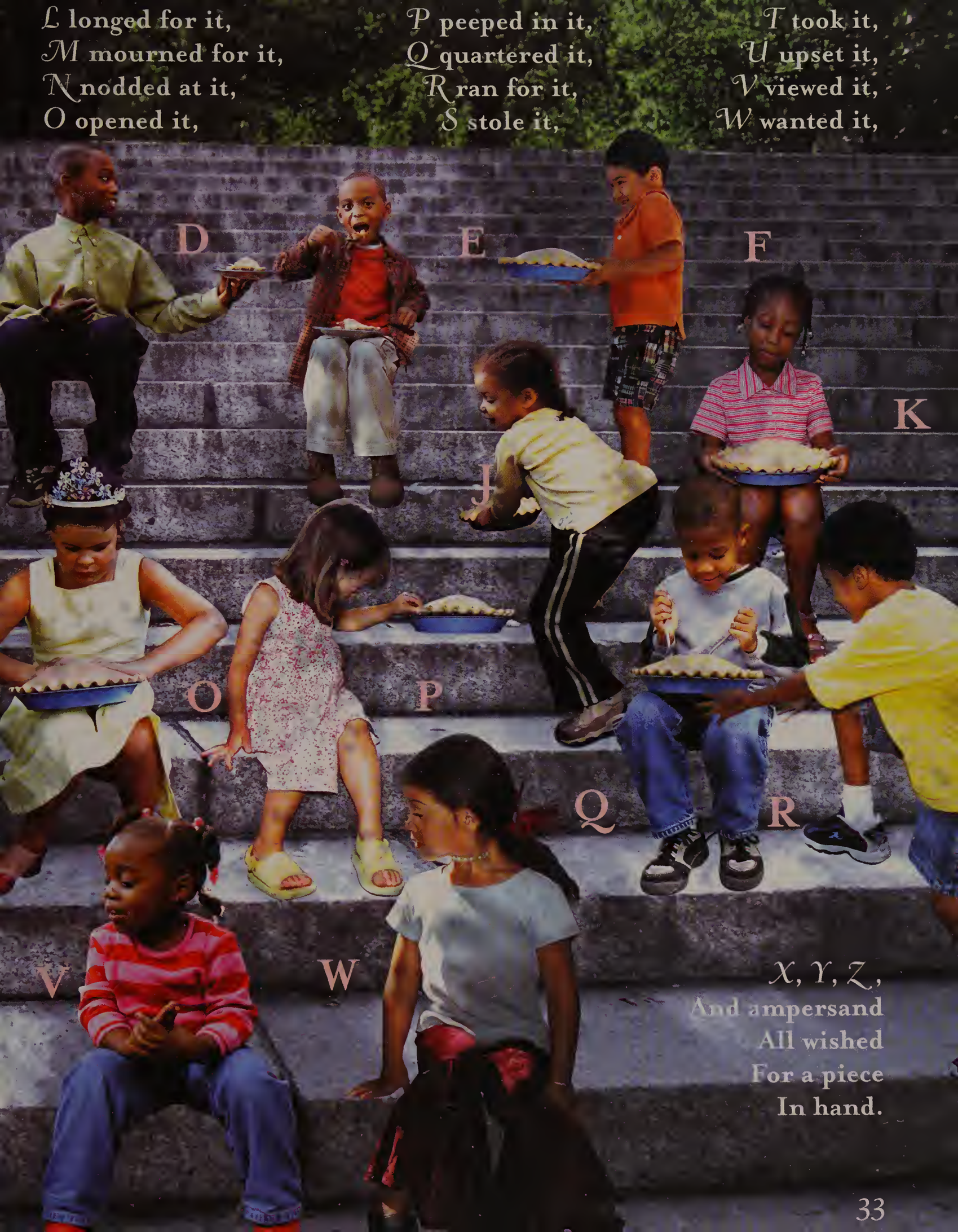
Girls and boys, come out to play,
The moon does shine as bright as day,
Come with a hoop, come with a call,
Come with a good will, or not at all.
Lose your supper, and lose your sleep,
Come to your playfellows in the street,
Up the ladder and down the wall,
A halfpenny loaf will serve us all.
You find milk, and I'll find flour,
And we'll have a pudding
In half an hour.

A was
An apple pie,
B bit it,
C cut it,
D dealt it,
E eat it,
F fought for it,
G got it,
H had it,
I inspected it,
J jumped for it,
K kept it,

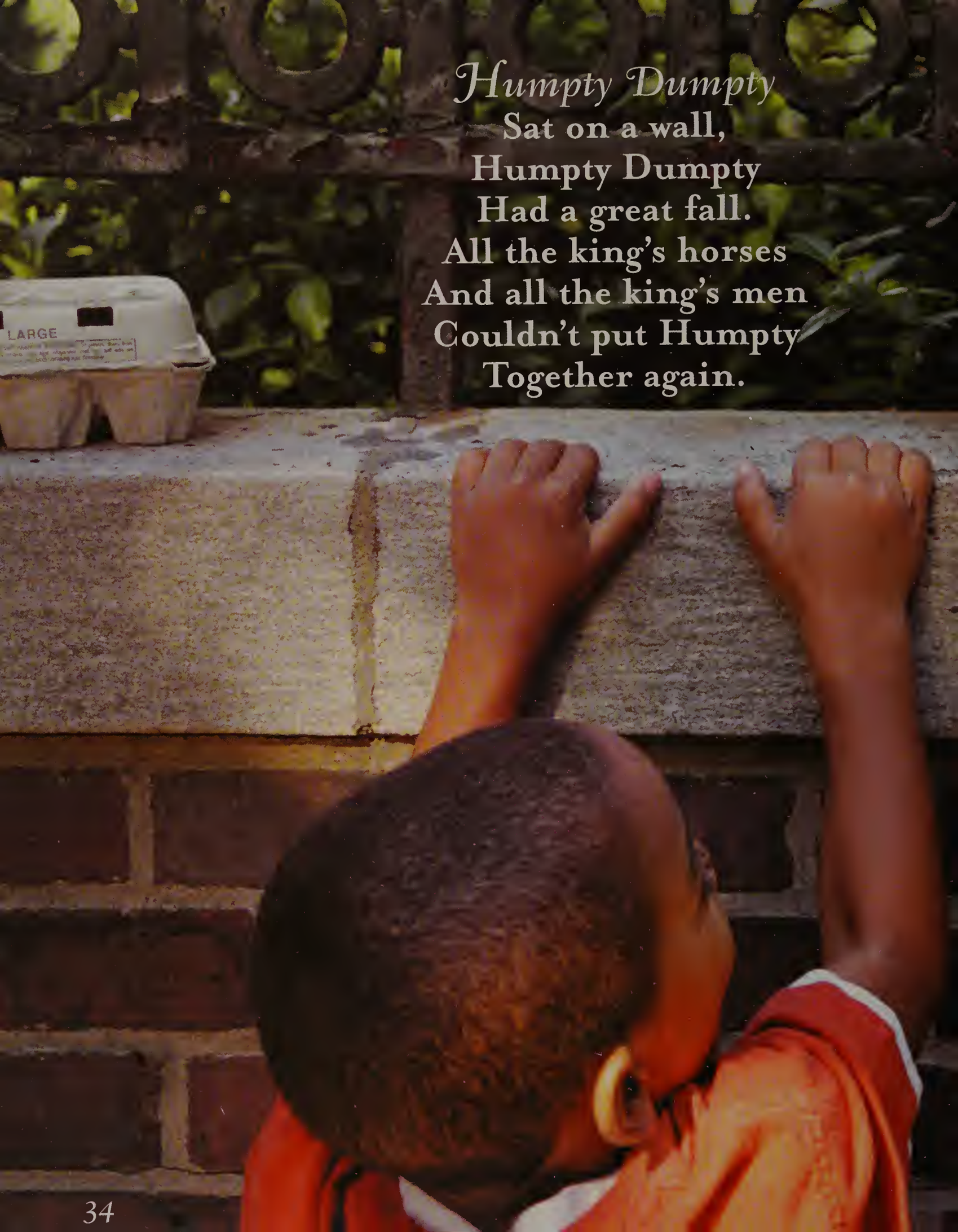
L longed for it,
M mourned for it,
N nodded at it,
O opened it,

P peeped in it,
Q quartered it,
R ran for it,
S stole it,

T took it,
U upset it,
V viewed it,
W wanted it,



X, *Y*, *Z*,
And ampersand
All wished
For a piece
In hand.



Humpty Dumpty
Sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty
Had a great fall.
All the king's horses
And all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty
Together again.

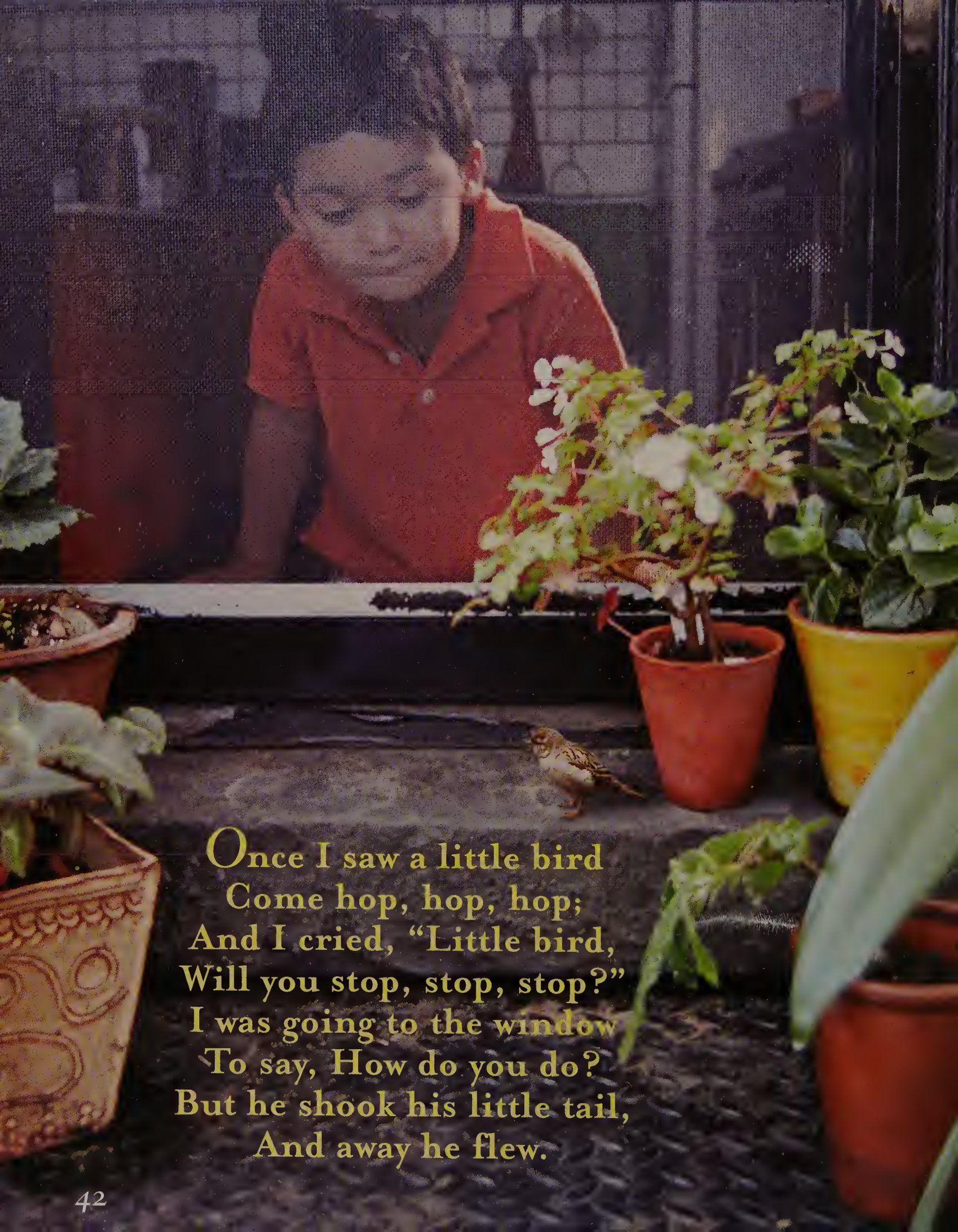
Tweedledum and *Tweedledee*
Agreed to have a battle,
For Tweedledum said Tweedledee
Had spoiled his nice new rattle.
Just then flew by a monstrous crow,
As big as a tar barrel,
Which frightened both the heroes so,
They quite forgot their quarrel.

As I was going
Along, long, long,
A-singing a comical
Song, song, song,
The lane that I went was so
Long, long, long,
And the song
That I sung was as
Long, long, long,
And so I went
Singing
Along.

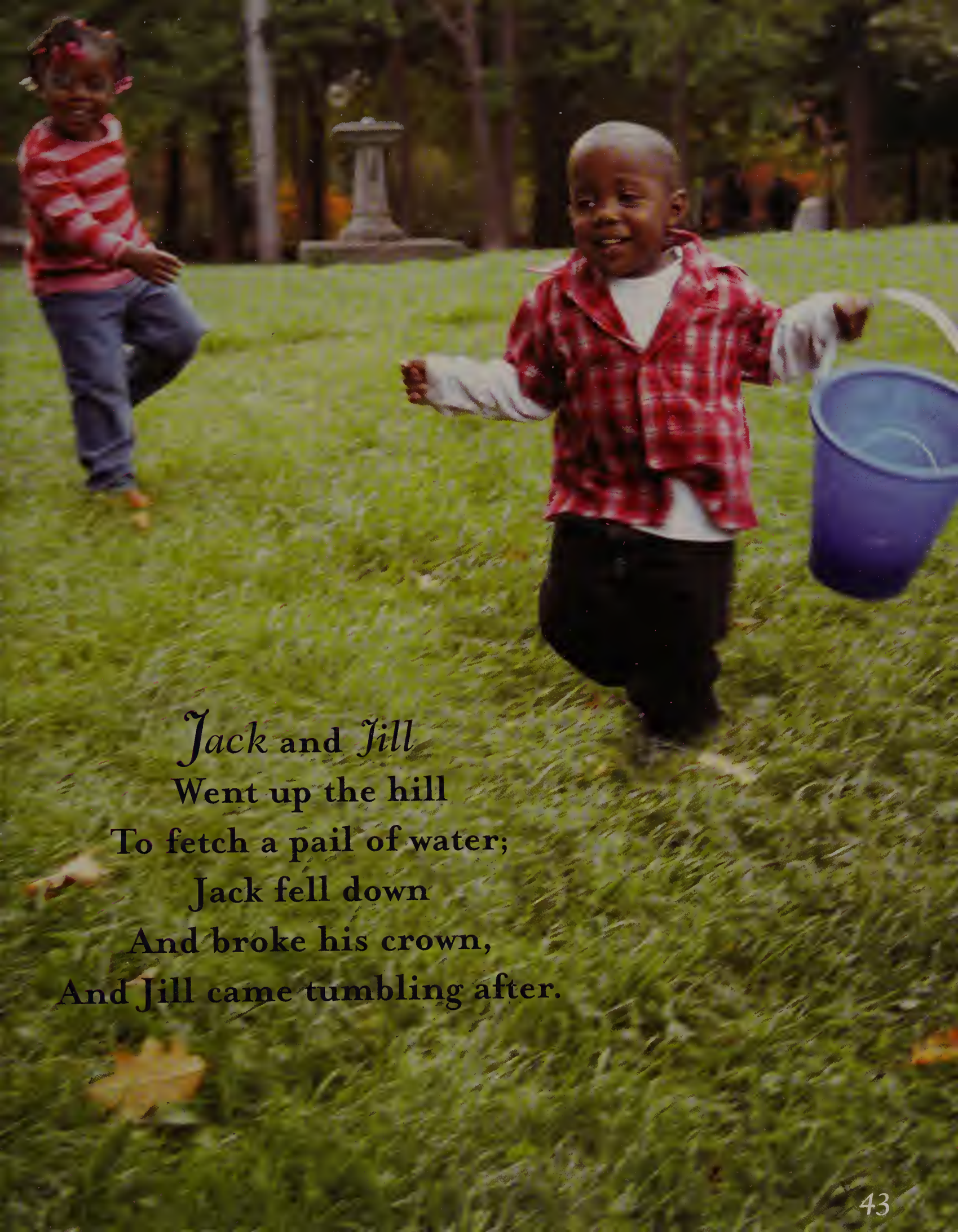
Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockleshells
And pretty maids all in a row.

Touch blue,
Your wish will
Come true.

There was
An old woman
Tossed in a blanket,
Seventeen times as high as the moon,
But where she was going no one could tell,
For under her arm she carried a broom.
"Old woman, old woman, old woman," said I!
"Whither, ah, whither, ah, whither so high?"
"To sweep the cobwebs from the sky,
And I'll be with you
By and by."



Once I saw a little bird
Come hop, hop, hop;
And I cried, "Little bird,
Will you stop, stop, stop?"
I was going to the window
To say, How do you do?
But he shook his little tail,
And away he flew.



Jack and *Jill*
Went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down
And broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

There was an old woman
Who lived in a shoe.
She had so many children
She didn't know what to do.
She gave them some broth
Without any bread.
She scolded them soundly
And sent them
To bed.

Rain, rain, go away.
Come again another day;
Little Johnny wants to play.

Ring around the rosie,
A pocket full of posies;
Ashes! Ashes!
We all
fall
down.

Bow, wow, wow.
Whose dog art thou?
Little Tom Tinker's dog.
Bow, wow, wow.

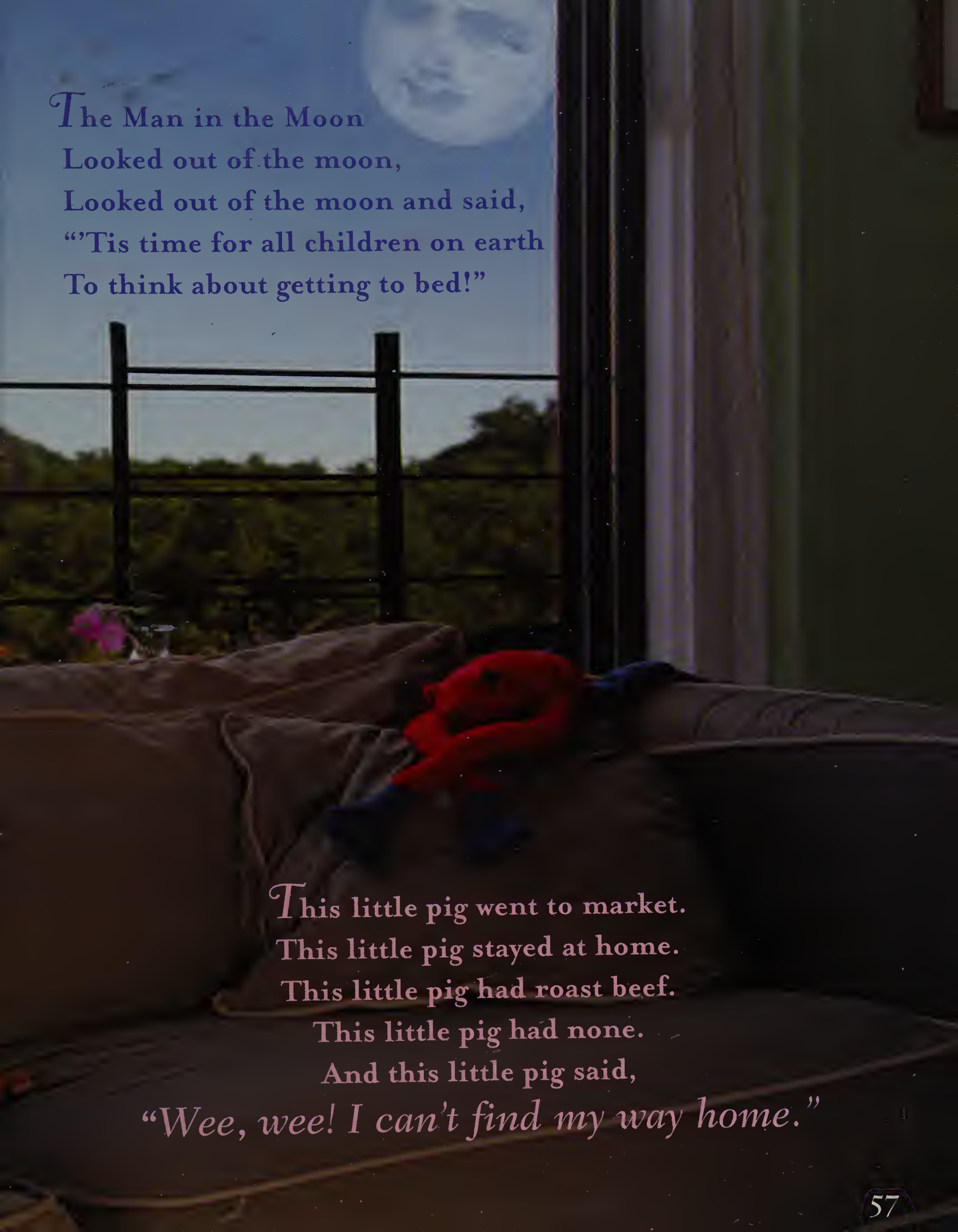
One, two,
Whatever you do,
Start it well,
And carry it through.
Try, try, never say die.
Things will come right,
You know, by and by.

Lucy Locket
Lost her pocket.
Kitty Fisher found it.
Nothing in it,
Nothing in it,
But the binding
Round it.

Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John
Went to bed with his trousers on,
One shoe off, and one shoe on.
Diddle diddle dumpling, my son John.

Ladybug, Ladybug, fly away home!
Your house is on fire, your children all gone.
All but one, and her name is Ann,
And she crept under the pudding pan.

Hush-a-bye, baby,
On the treetop.
When the wind blows,
The cradle will rock.
When the bough breaks,
The cradle will fall.
Down will come baby,
Cradle and all.



The Man in the Moon
Looked out of the moon,
Looked out of the moon and said,
"'Tis time for all children on earth
To think about getting to bed!"

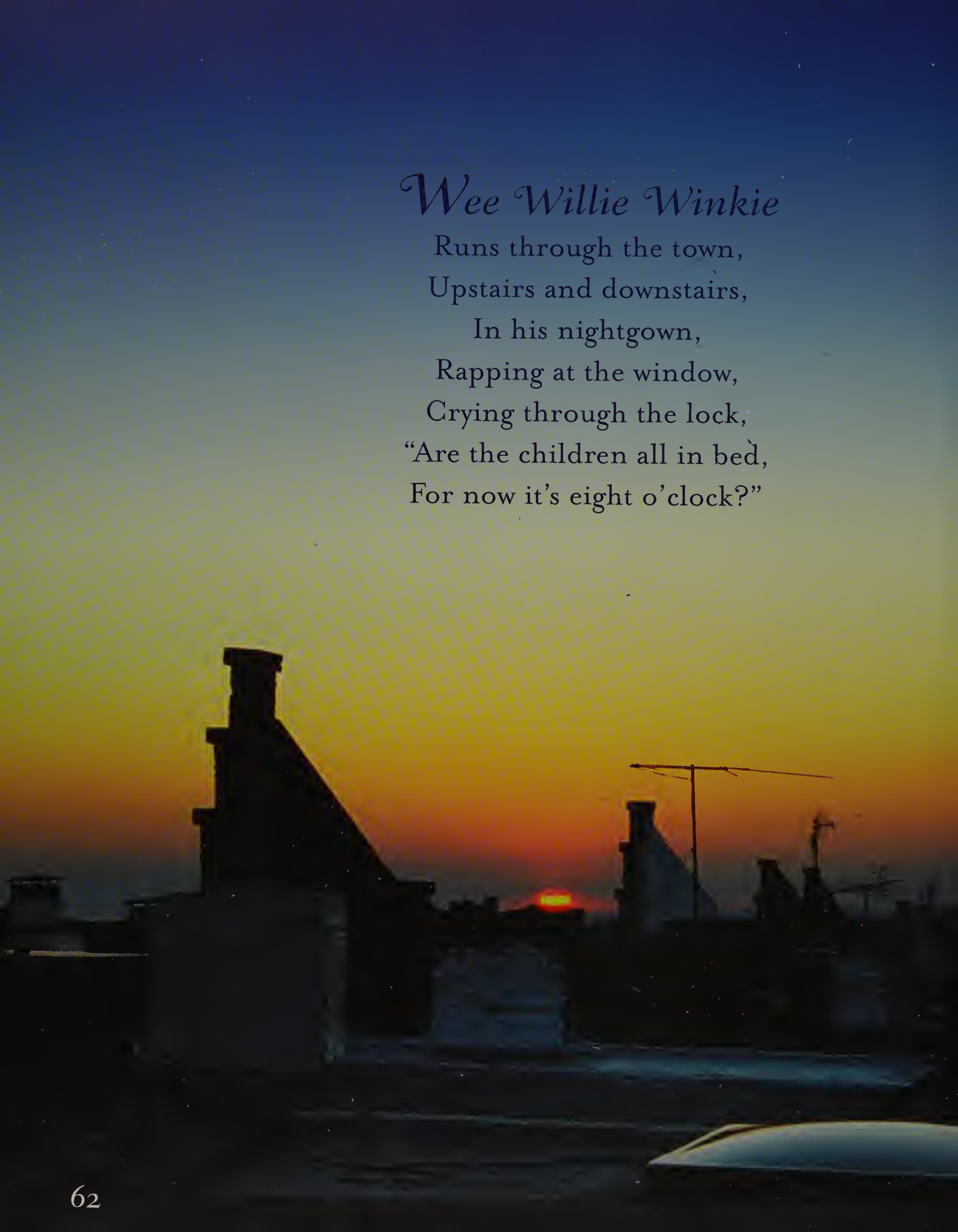
This little pig went to market.
This little pig stayed at home.
This little pig had roast beef.
This little pig had none.
And this little pig said,
"Wee, wee! I can't find my way home."

Peter Piper picked
A peck of pickled peppers;
A peck of pickled peppers
Peter Piper picked.

If Peter Piper picked
A peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers
Peter Piper picked?

One, two,
Three, four, five,
Once I caught
A fish alive.
Six, seven,
Eight, nine, ten,
Then I let it go again.
Why did you
Let it go?
Because it bit
My finger so.
Which finger
Did it bite?
The little finger
On the right.

Three wise men of Gotham,
They went to sea in a bowl,
And if the bowl had been stronger,
My song had been longer.



Wee Willie Winkie

Runs through the town,
Upstairs and downstairs,
In his nightgown,
Rapping at the window,
Crying through the lock,
"Are the children all in bed,
For now it's eight o'clock?"

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